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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Subject: New Paper on Psychological Warfare

At the Friday's afternoon NSC Staff meeting, I was unable to get acceptance for CIA's ideas on the new psychological warfare paper in the process of preparation.

Consensus of opinion there is that an overall Czar is required to plan and coordinate (i.e. direct) all PW operations, not only black propaganda, but training for guerrilla warfare, etc., etc. As a nominee of State, appointed by the NSC, he will work closely with State's white propaganda and foreign policy in general.

The paper that is coming over this afternoon will be the Staff's final version on this matter - based largely on the SANACC paper 304. However, before submitting this paper to the consultants, the Staff suggested that CIA prepare a formal memorandum setting forth the points on which it disagrees and suggested changes. This memorandum will be attached to the paper when it goes to the consultants.

I should receive the proposed paper this noon or early this afternoon, so you may wish to go over it late this afternoon so that CIA's comments can be submitted to the NSC Staff tomorrow if possible. A reason our views were not accepted is that the Staff considers this paper much more all embracing than NSC 4-A, most of which will be changed or abolished when the new paper is issued. They look upon this new paper as covering not just black propaganda but activities by the JCS and Military Establishment as well as by CIA, and even State in some instances. These will be the operating agencies for the new Director of Special Studies, who will be the head man and responsible for various current PW activities and current plans for future activities. They say the new paper should not interfere with CIA's current activities in this respect as CIA will continue to be an operating agency for the new Director of Special Studies.

OSD & DOS review(s) completed.

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